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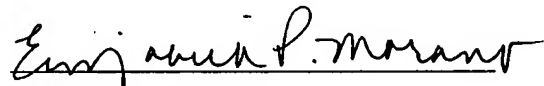
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

NOTE: "An information disclosure statement shall be considered by the Office if filed by the applicant:

- (1) Within three months of the filing date of a national application;
- (2) Within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in section 1.491 in an international application; or
- (3) Before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurs last." 37 C.F.R. section 1.97(b).

NOTE: "Each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent application has a duty of candor and good faith in dealing with the Office, which includes a duty to disclose to the Office all information known to that individual to be material to patentability as defined in this section." 37 C.F.R. section 1.56(a).

"Individuals associated with the filing or prosecution of a patent application within the meaning of this section are:

- (1) each inventor named in the application;
- (2) each attorney or agent who prepares or prosecutes the application; and
- (3) every other person who is substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application and who is associated with the inventor, with the assignee or with anyone to whom there is an obligation to assign the application." 37 C.F.R. section 1.56(c).

NOTE: The "duty as described in section 1.56 will be met so long as the information in question was cited by the Office or submitted to the Office in the manner prescribed by sections 1.97(b) - (d) and 1.98 before issuance of the patent." Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25 at 17.

WARNING: "No information disclosure statement may be filed in a provisional application." 37 C.F.R. section 1.51(b).

List of Sections Forming Part of This Information Disclosure Statement

The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

(check sections forming a part of this statement: discard unused sections and number pages consecutively)

1. ☒ Preliminary Statements
2. ☒ Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (substitute for Form PTO-1449)
3. ☐ Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications
4. ☐ Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted
5. ☐ Cumulative Patents or Publications
6. ☒ Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement
7. ☐ Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items
 - 7A. ☒ EPO Search Report
 - 7B. ☐ English Language Version of EPO Search Report
8. ☐ Translation(s) of Non-English Language Documents
9. ☐ Concise Explanation of English Language Listed Information Items (Optional)
10. ☒ Identification of Person(s) Making This Information Disclosure Statement

(complete the following, if appropriate)

Sections _____, respectively, have been continued on ADDED PAGE(S).

NOTE: "Once the minimum requirements are met, the examiner has an obligation to consider the information." Notice of April 20, 1992 (1138 O.G. 37-41, 37).

Section 1. Preliminary statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information, of which they are aware that they believe may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. section 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner. Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25, at 25.



SECTION 2. FORMS PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)

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**LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR
 APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials	Reference Number	Document Number	Issue Date/ Publication Date	Inventor	Class/Subclass
	AA	4,194,735	Mar. 25, 1980	Wilson	273/26
	AB	4,325,697	Apr. 20, 1982	Regan et al.	434/258
	AC	4,600,016	Jul. 15, 1986	Boyd et al.	128/782
	AD	4,774,679	Sep. 27, 1988	Carlin	364/550
	AE	4,830,024	May 16, 1989	Nashner et al.	128/787
	AF	5,052,406	Oct. 1, 1991	Nashner	128/782
	AG	5,303,715 A	Apr. 19, 1994	Nashner et al.	128/782
	AH	5,330,176	Jul. 19, 1994	Cagney, Jr.	273/26
	AI	5,406,956	Apr. 18, 1995	Farwell	128/731
	AJ	5,474,087 A	Dec. 12, 1995	Nashner	128/782
	AK	5,476,103	Dec. 19, 1995	Nashner et al.	128/782
	AL	5,269,318	Dec. 14, 1993	Nashner	128/782
	AM	5,551,445	Sep. 3, 1996	Nashner	128/782
	AN	5,623,944 A	Apr. 29, 1997	Nashner	128/779
	AO	5,657,256	Aug. 12, 1997	Swanson et al.	364/580
	AP	5,697,791 A	Dec. 16, 1997	Nashner et al.	434/247
	AQ	5,729,658	Mar. 17, 1998	Hou et al.	395/2.79
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	AS	5,860,872	Jan. 19, 1999	Vitale	473/207
	AT	5,919,150	July 6, 1999	Zanakis et al.	600/595
	AU	5,980,429 A	Nov. 9, 1999	Nashner	482/8
	AV	6,010,465 A	Jan. 4, 2000	Nashner	600/595
	AW	6,102,818	Aug. 15, 2000	Hamilton	473/452
	AX	6,190,287 1	Feb. 20, 2001	Nashner	482/8
	AY	6,225,977 B1	May 1, 2001	Li	345/156
	AZ	6,632,158 B1	Oct. 14, 2003	Nashner	482/8
	BA	6,672,991 B2	Jan. 6, 2004	O'Malley	482/8
	BB	20020142887	Oct. 3, 2002	O'Malley	482/8

	BC	20040127337	Jul. 1, 2004	Nashner	482/100
	BD	20040015461	Jan. 22, 2004	Lo	706/25
	BE	20050043661 A1	Feb. 24, 2005	Nashner	602/26

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Reference Number	Country Code	Document Number	Publication Date	Patentee or Applicant	Class/Subclass
	BF		WO 00/25090	4 May 2000	EPIX, Inc.	

OTHER DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Reference Number	Author	Title of Article, Title of Journal, Volume Number, Page Numbers, Date
	BG		International Search Report mailed on 6 March 2003 and prepared for International Application No. PCT/IB 02/04731 International Filing Date of 24 October 2002

Examiner Signature: _____

Date Considered: _____

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation *if not* in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Section 6. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. section 1.98(a)(2) requires that any information disclosure statement filed under section 1.97 shall include: "A legible copy of: (i) Each U.S. and foreign patent; (ii) Each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and (iii) All other information or that portion which caused it to be listed, except that no copy of a U.S. patent application need be included . . ."

NOTE: The wording in section 1.98(a)(2)(iii) makes it clear that the requirement to submit a copy of each item of information listed in an information disclosure statement does not apply to the citation of a U.S. patent application. Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25, at 14.

Legible copies of all items listed in Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (substitute for Form PTO-1449) accompany this information statement.

(complete the following, if applicable)

☒ Exception(s) to above:

☐ Items in prior application, from which an earlier filing date is claimed for this application, as identified in Section 4.

☐ Cumulative patents or publications identified in Section 5.

U.S. patent citations are not included pursuant to the United State Patent and Trademarks Office's September 21, 2004 waiver of the copy requirement in 37 CFR 1.98 for cited pending U.S. patent citations when the patent citations are available in the USPTO's IFW system.

Section 10. Identification of Person(s) Making This Information Disclosure Statement

The person making this certification is

(check each applicable item)

(a) ☐ the inventor(s) who signs below

SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR

(type name of inventor who is signing)

(b) ☐ an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37 C.F.R. section 1.56(c))

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(c) ☒ the practitioner who signs below on the basis of the information:

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☐ supplied by the inventor(s).

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